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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director discussed again the proposed memorandum to the Deputies urging supervisors to know their people. He seems to be fairly well satisfied with this now but still wants to make some minor revisions.

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- c. The Director had a letter from Mr. Beasley of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association asking for a reply to a lot of questions in connection with the Powers case. I was surprised to find that the Director, in the interest of public relations, intended to answer these questions. He was very strongly urged not to do so but to give Mr. Beasley a polite brush off and I think that that is what he will do.
- 2. Ed Saunders telephoned to say that Frank Ecker and Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, wanted to have a Budget Hearing on the Photographic Intelligence Center on Thursday but that they were not cleared. I told Ed that I would have to take up this matter with the Director and thought that he would in turn have to take it up with the White House. I also telephoned Bob Macy and explained this situation to him. He felt that he was going to have to get into PIC and requested that we do whatever was necessary to obtain the clearances. (On Tuesday morning, 4 October, Ed and I talked to the Director about this and he was sympathetic and telephoned Andy Goodpaster at the White House. Andy told him that the President was opposed to any more clearances and that he had already told Maurice Stans this. The Director said that he would take it up with Mr. Stans which he did immediately thereafter. He explained to Mr. Stans that while the Agency had no objection to these clearances and he thought that it was perfectly logical for Messrs. Macy and Ecker to have them, the President was opposed to it and that we would have to conform to his wishes. I called Bob Macy later to explain this to him and learned that Mr. Stans had already passed on the information. Bob said that Mr. Stans proposed to write a brief memorandum to Andy merely giving him the order of magnitude on the cost of PIC and asking whether this seemed reasonable.)

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